

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/087,552

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/20/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-65.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |


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DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Saxena et al. (USPN 6259449) teach a method of integrating a plurality of communication programs in a computer system, the method comprising the steps of: displaying a first graphical user interface screen on a display device of the computer system, displaying a second graphical user interface screen on the display device such that the second graphical user interface screen depicted as an extension panel of the first graphical user interface screen, wherein the extension panel is adjacent to the first graphical user interface display and appears to extend from the side of the first graphical user interface screen. (col. 1, lines 47-57, col. 8, lines 28-37, col. 9, lines 52-59 , Fig. 3 (302), Fig. 4 (400, 416), Fig. 5 (500, 504), and Fig. 6 (600, 604)).

Watahiki et al. (USPN 6765590) teach a means for obtaining, GUI information of a plurality of controlled devices on an AV device network including GUI image information, GUI display position information, and information on commands transmitted to the controlled devices and the device identifiers of the controlled devices (col. 2, lines 21-38).

Regarding claims 1, 13, 16, 22, 25, 37, 40 and 53, none of the prior art cited teaches a system or method including displaying a first graphical user interface (GUI) on a display screen, the first GUI being associated with a program operatively configured on a first computing device; and displaying a second GUI on the display screen over the first GUI, the second GUI

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being associated with a program operatively configured on a second computing device that is operatively connected to the first computing device, and wherein the second GU is displayed on substantially the full screen of said display screen and includes at least one identifier that identifies that said second GUI is not associated with said first computing device.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abbas I. Abdulsalam whose telephone number is 571-272-7685. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe, can be reached on 571-272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Hjerpe', is positioned above the printed name.

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